



Grace A. Wessendorf

January 27, 1935 - January 3, 2025

Grace A. Wessendorf, age 89, of Newell, Iowa died peacefully January 3, 2025 at Loring Hospital in Sac City, Iowa. She was surrounded by family who loved her and will miss her.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Newell. Burial will be in the Newell Cemetery. Visitation will take place Friday, January 10, 2025 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Grace was born January 27, 1935 to Ernest and Florine (Wright) Piercy in Newell, Iowa. She was baptized and confirmed at the First Congregational Church in Newell, where she remained a lifelong member. Grace attended school in Newell, graduating in 1952.

On June 15, 1952, Grace was united in marriage to Bill Wessendorf at the First Congregational Church. The couple was blessed with four daughters: Suana, Lauri, Launi, and Alicia.

Bill and Grace owned and operated the Station, Bill's Standard in Newell, Iowa until 1999, including 24-hour wrecker service. She worked at the Newell

Mirror for over 25 years as a reporter, photographer, graphic designer and ad sales. Grace was most known for her role as the business manager for both the Newell Providence and the Newell Fonda school district from 1977 to 2003. She belonged to the Newell Women's Auxiliary, Red Hats Society, Mrs. 500, Sunday night bridge club. In 1969, she was Headquarters Chairman of the Newell Centennial steering committee, a community she was very proud of. Grace loved music, especially singing with her friend Harriette Laursen for the Newell Homecoming parade popcorn ball float and many other town events.

Grace was a faithful member of the First Congregational Church in Newell. She served as Secretary and Treasurer for over twenty-five years and was also Sunday School Superintendent for many years. Every week after church, Bill and Grace would join Don and Marcella Piercy for Sunday dinner. They also enjoyed getting together with their card club friends. More than anything, Grace treasured time with her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandson. She loved taking her family on trips, especially every five years to Estes Park, Colorado. Grace was an avid supporter of her daughters, grandkids, and great grandkids in their various activities over the decades.

Left to cherish Grace's memory include her daughters: Suana Wessendorf of Sac City, Iowa; Lauri (Mitch) Lyman of Newell, Iowa; Launi Dane (Rich Wagner) of New London, Iowa; Alicia Bohlke of Polk City, Iowa; grandchildren: Mandy (Brad) Mahler; Justin (Ginger) Lyman; Kristopher (Shanie) Dane; Kraig Dane; Daniel (Rosalie) Dubbohlke; Trevor (Anelyse) Bohlke; great-grandchildren: Aden (Peyton) Mahler; Treyton Mahler; Nevaeh and Guyson Lyman; Maci Parcel; Charlotte Dane; Jackson Bohlke; great-great grandchild: Wesley Mahler; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Grace was preceded in death by her husband: Bill Wessendorf; parents:

Ernest and Florine Piercy; brother: Don (Marcella) Piercy; sister: June (Bob) Parker; parents-in-law: William and Alice Wessendorf; brothers-in-law: George (Ruth) Wessendorf; Fred (Donna) Wessendorf; great-grandson: Charles Ray Dane; and special nephew: Frank Parker.

Cemetery Details

Newell Cemetery

E. Jensen St.
Newell, IA 50568

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ
310 E. 3rd St.
Newell, IA 50588

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Grace A. Wessendorf*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 10, 2025 at 05:56 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Service Recording*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 13, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 10, 2025 at 12:00 PM

CW

“ *Chris H Willfong lit a candle in memory of Grace Wessendorf*



Chris H Willfong - January 09, 2025 at 08:29 PM

DW

“ *Darvin Will lit a candle in memory of Grace Wessendorf*



Darvin Will - January 09, 2025 at 06:46 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Grace A. Wessendorf.*



January 08, 2025 at 11:09 PM

BW

“ *Bobbie and Wayne Westergaard purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Grace A. Wessendorf.*



Bobbie and Wayne Westergaard - January 08, 2025 at 10:31 PM

CW

“ Chris H Willfong lit a candle in memory of Grace Wessendorf



Chris H Willfong - January 08, 2025 at 06:00 PM

DB

“ Denise Bond lit a candle in memory of Grace Wessendorf



Denise Bond - January 08, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Grace A. Wessendorf.

January 08, 2025 at 03:58 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Grace A. Wessendorf.



January 08, 2025 at 03:58 AM

RW

“ *Ruth Westergaard lit a candle in memory of Grace Wessendorf*



Ruth Westergaard - January 08, 2025 at 01:19 AM

KL

“ *Kim Larsen lit a candle in memory of Grace Wessendorf*



Kim Larsen - January 07, 2025 at 08:26 PM

C(

“ *Chris, Nancy, and Beth (Wessendorf) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Grace A. Wessendorf.*



Chris, Nancy, and Beth (Wessendorf) - January 07, 2025 at 02:25 PM

BT

“ *Bob and Connie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Grace Wessendorf*



Bob and Connie Taylor - January 07, 2025 at 08:11 AM

BT

“ *Bill and Danis Thompson lit a candle in memory of Grace Wessendorf*



Bill and Danis Thompson - January 06, 2025 at 07:46 PM

DJ

“ *Debra Hirsh Jacobson lit a candle in memory of Grace Wessendorf*



Debra Hirsh Jacobson - January 06, 2025 at 07:19 PM

MJ

“ *Mike & Shelly Jensen lit a candle in memory of Grace Wessendorf*



Mike & Shelly Jensen - January 06, 2025 at 06:52 PM

CB

“ *Chuck Friday, Jenn Steburg & Jill Baker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Grace A. Wessendorf.*

Chuck Friday, Jenn Steburg & Jill Baker - January 06, 2025 at 06:14 PM

CB

“ Chuck Friday, Jenn Steburg & Jill Baker purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Grace A. Wessendorf.



Chuck Friday, Jenn Steburg & Jill Baker - January 06, 2025 at 06:14 PM

RW

“ Roberta Wise lit a candle in memory of Grace Wessendorf



Roberta Wise - January 06, 2025 at 04:55 PM

BW

“ Becky White lit a candle in memory of Grace Wessendorf



Becky White - January 06, 2025 at 02:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Grace A. Wessendorf.

January 06, 2025 at 01:39 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grace A. Wessendorf.*



January 06, 2025 at 01:39 PM



“ *Suana, Lauri, Launi, and Alicia: We were so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was a good neighbor, board secretary, and most of all, a good friend. We had many good times with her and Bill and we wish you and your families peace and strength in your time of sorrow.*

Merle & Jean Boerner

Merle & Jean Boerner - January 06, 2025 at 01:13 PM



My sympathy to all the family..She was a very special lady . 😊💜💜💜

Bev Reis - January 07, 2025 at 05:25 PM



“ *We enjoy our years at NF working with Grace. Grace always knew the answers to our questions and she and Bill were such great people. Always interested in you and willing to help. God's Peace to Grace's family.*

Randy & Marilyn Schmitt - January 06, 2025 at 08:36 AM

TT

“ Theresa A Tymeson lit a candle in memory of Grace Wessendorf



Theresa A Tymeson - January 06, 2025 at 02:18 AM

DJ

“ Deb Jesse lit a candle in memory of Grace Wessendorf



Deb Jesse - January 05, 2025 at 09:17 PM

PF

“ Peg Flynn lit a candle in memory of Grace Wessendorf



Peg Flynn - January 05, 2025 at 06:02 PM